

EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: LaMarr Franklin, Charles Barnard, Ann Marie Rathburn, Sue Putra, Anita Kropf, Douglas Knight, Virginia Heinemann, Peter Fabian, Colleen James, Lynn Gauger, Cornelia Gordon-Hempe (arrived 2:26 p.m.)

MEMBER ABSENT: Sue Kell

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Karen Rude-Evans

GUEST: Marc Herstand, NASW

CALL TO ORDER

Chair LaMarr Franklin called the meeting to order at 1:49 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments: -delete Election of Officers
-Visitors' comments

MOTION: Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2000

Amendments: -On page 2, under AB 642, the last sentence, delete "this" and substitute "a psychotherapy"
-On page 3, under ADJOURNMENT, change the adjournment time to 2:40 p.m.

MOTION: Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to approve the minutes of February 8, 2000 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY CUMMINGS

Secretary Cummings was not available.

PROPOSED RULE DEFINING CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK CONCENTRATION

The Board accepted the wording.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED CE RULE WITH COMMENTS INCORPORATED

MOTION: Muriel Harper moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to approve the continuing education rule with an amendment to add the phrase “related to the profession” to all subparagraphs, and to send the rule with the amendment back to the Clearinghouse. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF MISCELLANEOUS RULE CHANGES

This item was informational. Further discussion regarding MFT’s supervising PC’s will occur in the Professional Counselors Section.

TESTIMONY RELATING TO ASSEMBLY BILL 420

This bill did not get through the legislature prior to recess. A committee on psychotherapy licensing is being organized at this time, with Secretary Cummings and Douglas Knight as co-chairs. The first two committee meetings are scheduled for June 21, 2000 and July 19, 2000.

TESTIMONY RELATING TO ASSEMBLY BILL 642 AND SENATE BILL 321

These bills did not get through the legislature prior to recess, so the issues are moot. They will need to be reintroduced at the next legislative session.

REVIEW OF INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

There were no inquiries.

REPORT OF SOCIAL WORKERS SECTION

Douglas Knight reported that most Section members have been asked to speak on ethics and boundaries. Ethics is an issue that never stays static. There are no new appointees at this time. The ASWB has an active interest on the issue of counseling over the internet, as it may be a violation of federal laws. The UW Extension wants to offer CE courses over the internet if the Social Workers Section will approve.

REPORT OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS SECTION

Colleen James reported there have been a few rule changes. The number of applications has declined. Internet counseling is a concern for the Section, with questions on how it will be monitored, boundaries, jurisdictions and the fact that confidentiality cannot be guaranteed.

REPORT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS SECTION

Lynn Gauger reported that all legislation related to the Marriage and Family Therapists Section did not make it through the legislature prior to recess and will have to be reintroduced. The Section supports the formation of the mental health providers committee.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

DRL PHONE SYSTEM

The Board expressed deep concerns on the current phone system at the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to have LaMarr Franklin write a letter to Secretary Marlene Cummings suggesting fees be increased, if need be, to help cover the cost of improving the Department's phone system, and have the Department report back to the Board on the status of the phone system. Motion carried unanimously.

A THANK YOU AND PRESENTATION TO CHARLES BARNARD

Kimberly Nania presented Charles Barnard with a plaque signed by the governor thanking Charles for his eight years of service on the Marriage and Family Therapists Section and the SWMFTPC Board. All the Board members wished him well.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Marc Herstand of the NASW, stated NASW is working towards a licensure bill. NASW would not support a bill that would not allow individuals with a BSW to be certified or licensed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

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